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To: [Rankin, Dennis - Washington, DC](#)
Subject: New Transmission Line Comment
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Mr. Dennis Rankin:

Am forwarding below what I sent today to the other link re the new power line location:

My wife and I are retired and live at the east end of Cedarwood road on the immediate west side of the D&RG tracks. We have owned this 350 acres since 1996 and our principal residence is there from late 2000.

We like living here and enjoy the "best view in SE Colorado" from the rear deck as family and friends tell us.

I-319-001

I have carefully studied your website's maps especially #'s.9,10,11 showing three different possible routes for the new transmission line at our "latitude". Basically a **west**, **east**, and **middle** route is being proposed.

West and **east** routes **already carry high voltage transmission lines with large poles and towers in place** and have established encroachments and easements across private ground including many 40 acre development parcels.

The proposed **middle** route would encroach upon (or be immediately adjacent to) approximately 1.6 miles of our property.

It would also cross over or be adjacent to 19 additional land parcels in the *Cedarwood Station* development plus several more in the *East Hatchett*!

The existing **east** route however was already in place long before about 9 *Cedarwood Station* lots under it were sold.

And the **west** route already encroaches upon many *East Hatchett* development lots at least 35 of them by my count.

I-319-002

I do not want to spend my remaining years gazing at ugly 100' high steel transmission towers and connecting wires located only 1500 ft. from my back door.

We completely understand that no one relishes looking at these ugly towers nor the environmental disturbance attendant.

I-319-003

But it makes no sense to introduce these monstrosities into an area now free of them when there exist two other nearby routes where this encroachment is a fait accompli.

We will follow the route decision process intensely and encourage you to not place another entirely new transmission line corridor through this pristine area.

Sincerely,
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I-319-001: Route Refinement > Calumet-Comanche (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-319-002: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-319-003: Route Refinement (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.